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SUBJ: ANDEAN PACT: EVALUATION OF TROPICAL FORESTRY
RESOURCES

REF: LIMA 8471, NOVEMBER 20, 1973

1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, FIRST PROJECT IN TECHNOLOGY PROPOSAL WHICH JUNTA PRESENTING TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNS TROPICAL FORESTRY RESOURCES. THIS PROJECT DIVIDED INTO FOUR ACTIVITIES: (1) GATHERING AND DIFFUSION OF TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, (2) MAPPING OF TROPICAL FORESTS BY RADAR METHOD ("SLAR"), (3) RESEARCH IN TROPICAL WOODS UTILIZATION IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND (4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FORESTRY INDUSTRY.

2. SECOND ACTIVITY IS PRIMARILY A TRAINING PROGRAM CENTERED AROUND CENTRO INTERAMERICANO DE FOTOINTERPRETACION IN COLOMBIA, WHICH HAS SOME EXPERIENCE WITH SLAR APPLICATION. SYSTEM WOULD LATER BE USED TO INVENTORY TROPICAL FOREST RESOURCES IN VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU AND BOLIVIA.

3. QUESTION ARISES WHETHER RESOURCES EVALUATION CARRIED
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OUT BY SATELLITE THROUGH REMOTE SENSING MIGHT PROVIDE

SOME INTERESTING INSIGHTS REGARDING TROPICAL FORESTS IN ANDEAN REGION. NO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM JUNTA, BUT IT WOULD BE A HIGHLY APPRECIATED U.S. INITIATIVE IF SOME USEFUL DATA COULD BE PRESENTED VOLUNTARILY.

4. DR. DOW OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WHO CURRENTLY VISITING LIMA, SUGGESTED TO REGIONAL INTEGRATION OFFICER THAT TA-OST/AID WOULD HAVE BACKGROUND ON ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL APPLICATION OF REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUE TO RESOURCES EVALUATION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE BY TELEGRAM.
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